

MUTT & JEFF—Well, At That, You Got to Hand It to Villa for Being a Game Gambler

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NEW MANAGER OF
THE DENVER BEARSNames of Those Who Starred
in Wednesday's Game.Schweitzer Got First Hit;
Kruger the First Run.

The following is the way the members of Manager Lattimore's team distinguished themselves in Wednesday afternoon's game:

First put out—Hanson.
First assist—Monroe.
First hit—Schweitzer.
First man to reach first base—Schweitzer.
First man to reach second and third—Schweitzer.
First triple—Kruger.
First player to score—Kruger.
First man to drive in run—Lattimore.
Player who made the second score—Lattimore.

The Last Put Out.
Player who made the last put out—Monroe. (The last Denver player struck out and the rule gives the put out to the catcher.)

The player who made the fourth hit—Kruger.

All of the above players get one or more of the prizes offered by Topeka business firms and published in Monday evening's State Journal. A number of the prizes, including the eight dollars worth of photographs offered by F. G. Willard to the first man who steals third, the fifteen dollar suit of clothes offered by the Palace Clothing Company for the first home run, the five dollar hat offered by the first pitcher pitching a five hit, or less, game, and several others are yet to be won.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

At Indianapolis—Score: R. H. E.
Milwaukee..... 2 4 2
Indianapolis..... 8 10 3
Batteries: Faeth, Young and Mayer; Garter and Gossett.

At Toledo—Score: R. H. E.
Toledo..... 3 8 2
Toledo..... 1 10 2
Batteries: Yingling and Owens; Main and Bresnahan.

St. Paul-Columbus game postponed; wet grounds.

Kansas City-Louisville game postponed; rain and cold.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Philadelphia—Score: R. H. E.
Brooklyn..... 2 4 1
Philadelphia..... 3 5 1
Batteries: Cheney, Marquard and Miller; Alexander, Oeschger and Burns.

At Chicago—Score: R. H. E.
Pittsburgh..... 3 8 2
Chicago..... 8 10 2
Batteries: Adams and Schmidt; Lavender and Fischer.

New York at Boston—Game postponed; rain.

St. Louis at Cincinnati—Game postponed; rain.

Isbell Gets Danny Claire.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 27.—Manager Isbell Wednesday signed Danny Claire, the veteran Western league infielder to a Des Moines contract. He is to report at once. Claire was recently released by the Sioux City club.

WILLARD TO PAY \$50,000
FOR IOWA FARM VILLA

Dubuque, Ia., April 27.—Jesse Willard, world's champion pugilist, probably will become a local resident of Dubuque in the near future. He is coming next week to look over Highland villa, the country home of the late Mrs. Fannie Stout. This farm was for many years known as Nutwood breeding farm, because it was the home of the famous racing stallion Nutwood. Highland villa appeals to the champion for several reasons and one of them is that the place may be had at a great bargain, \$50,000. The property represents an original investment in excess of \$200,000. The buildings on the farm are all modern in every respect and include a mansion, equipped with every convenience that may be had in any city.

FIRST TO DENVER
Bears Defeated Topeka 5 to 2
in Wednesday's Opener.Schweitzer and Hanson Savage
Heroes of Afternoon.

Although Wednesday was as far from an ideal baseball day as a heel is from head hair, two thousand, nine hundred and ninety-two loyal local fans paid hard money to see the first game of the season here, in which Rebel Oaks' Denver Bears defeated Manager Lattimore's battlers by the score of 5 to 2.

The standstill was well filled, as was the first section of bleachers, and there was a comfortable crowd in the bleacher sections, and it was the general opinion that had the day been half way decent a record crowd would have turned out.

The contest itself was a good exhibition of the national pastime—as good as may be expected on the average. Topeka took the short end of the score only because there was too much back Sterzer throughout and because there was not enough "Animal" Dasher in the first two innings.

Sterzer Was Right.

Sterzer, in spite of his avowed dislike for food choppers and the surplus energy he expended in winding up and projecting his breadbasket, pitched a great little game of ball. In all he allowed eight hits, three of which were made by "Alberta" Schweitzer, but only in the seventh session did he allow the Savages to bunch them on him. And the only two scores were made in this inning.

Dasher, on the other hand, was more true to the traditional left-handed doper, which is to the effect that it takes corn growing weather to make a southpaw effective, and when he was relieved in the last of the second inning, he had pitched a clean game and three runs, which proved enough to give the Jones-oakes Bears the game.

West, who relieved Dasher in the second session, looked like a million-dollar man, and for the first three full innings he worked he made the opposing batters look like monkey infants, fanning six of them and permitting only one man to perch on first base. In the sixth session he allowed two hits that netted one run, and in the seventh he did the same, but otherwise he was master of the entire situation from start to finish, and it was the general opinion that if he had been started instead of Dasher the final result would have been different.

Opening Ceremonies.

Preceding the game, the parade band and the two teams marched around the field and posed for their picture in front of the home plate and the 2,922 spectators. Then Charley Crews, the auctioneer with the elephantine voice, announced the batteries and the game was on.

The first hit Dasher pitched took a parabolic course and split the plate plumb in the middle. But the next one the "Animal" put over was given a healthy kiss by Moose Miller and would have gone for a long right field foul had Hanson not pulled a sensational run and one-handed stab that gave him the first putout of the afternoon.

Kelleher, the second batter up, singled, but Spencer flew out to Hanson and Kelleher tried to steal and was cut down at second by Monroe with ease.

The Savages came to bat and the first hit men of the day appeared when Agler struck out. However, Schweitzer, the only 750 batter on the team, stepped into a double and went to third on a wild pitch. They looked like a sure score, and the fanned call pleading for it, but Hanson struck out, retiring the side.

Dasher's Departure.

It was in the second inning that Dasher permitted the Bears to get into the lead so far that they could not be overtaken. Butcher, the first up, was presented with a steel ball and then straddled to left, and Oaks advanced both runners by grounding out, Lattimore to Agler. Shields also grounded out, hitting a hot one to Goodwin that the latter was unable to field in time to cut off the run at the plate, although he got Shields at first on a close decision. Stevens then drew a walk and Sterzer singled, scoring Dyer. Miller then followed with another hit that brought in Stevens and Dasher was relieved by "Big" Hiram West.

West got the next batter and neither side scored again until the first of the sixth when a double by Butcher, a fielder's choice at third, a strike failed and a two-bagger by Shields drove in another Bear run. Dyer, who was stationed at first, also tried to score on Shields' double, but was cut off at the plate by a pretty peg made by Schweitzer.

In the first of the seventh the Bears counted their last, a double by Sterzer, an infield hit by Miller and a sacrifice

RED INFIELD CALLED BEST IN LEAGUE



Left to right: Hal Chase, Heinie Groh and Buck Herzog.

With Hal Chase on first, Buck Herzog at short and Heinie Groh on third, the Cincinnati Reds boast that at three places out of four in the infield they are stronger than any other team in the National league.

fly by Kelleher putting Sterzer across the plate.

The Savage Scores.

The only two scores of the Savages came in the last of the seventh. Kruger led off with a triple to the center-field fence, and Manager Lattimore placed a single over second base scoring him. Cochran grounded out and Monroe popped up to Kelleher, but West planted a clean single that scored Lattimore.

In the eighth, with one down, Schweitzer started another rally with a triple, but Tydemann, pinch hitting for Hanson, fanned and Kruger popped out. That was the end.

THE SAVAGES.

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Miller, rf.....	5	0	2	3	0
Kelleher, lf.....	5	0	1	1	0
Spencer, cf.....	4	0	0	0	0
Butcher, 2b.....	4	1	1	5	0
Dyer, 3b.....	4	1	1	1	0
Oaks, cf.....	4	0	0	1	0
Shields, 1b.....	4	0	0	5	0
Stevens, 2b.....	2	0	0	1	0
Sterzer, p.....	4	1	3	1	0
Totals.....	33	5	9	27	11

THE BEARS.

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Agler, 1b.....	4	0	0	10	0
Goodwin, 2b.....	4	0	1	1	1
Monroe, 3b.....	4	0	0	1	0
Hanson, rf.....	3	0	0	1	0
Tydemann, cf.....	1	0	0	0	0
Kruger, lf.....	1	0	0	0	0
Lattimore, 2b.....	1	1	1	1	2
Cochran, 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0
Moore, 1b.....	0	0	0	0	0
Dasher, p.....	0	0	0	0	0
West, p.....	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	25	2	8	27	9

Score by Innings:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Bears..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Topeka..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Summary: Three base hits—Kruger. Two base hits—Schweitzer. 2 Sterzer. 2 Butcher. Shields. Sacrifice hits—Kelleher. Struck out—West 8, by Sterzer 4. First on base—off Dasher 2, off West 1. Left fielder's choice—Shields. Wild pitches—Sterzer 2. Impires—Anderson and Pontius. Time—1:45.

Sioux City, April 27.—Watson was tight in the pinches and the champions could get a better score. Three runs while the Indians made four, winning the second game of the series. The score:

DES MOINES.

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hahn, rf.....	3	0	0	1	2
Hunter, cf.....	3	0	0	0	0
McLain, lf.....	3	0	0	0	0
Jones, 1b.....	1	2	2	9	2
Hartford, 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0
Frederick, 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0
Breen, cf.....	4	0	0	5	3
Kruger, lf.....	4	0	0	2	1
Grant, p.....	2	0	0	1	2
Gilligan, p.....	0	0	0	0	0
Hendling, cf.....	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	25	2	8	24	16

Sioux City.

AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Conney, 2b.....	5	0	0	2	5
Connolly, 3b.....	4	0	0	1	0
Callahan, cf.....	3	1	0	1	2
Lejeune, 1b.....	3	0	0	2	1
Lejeune, 2b.....	3	0	0	2	1
Callahan, 3b.....	3	0	0	15	0
Callahan, 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0
Crosby, cf.....	4	0	2	0	0

Sport Wheezes
—BY CLUG—

The crowd that was out at the opening game showed pretty conclusively the increased interest in baseball in Topeka.

And even though the Savages lost, the 2,922 who defied the elements were given their money's worth. The Topeka team played errorless ball and their only weakness was in the pitching in the early part of the contest.

Had Dasher been right, or had West started, it is easy to see how the Bears would have been compelled to play better ball than they did to win. West, undoubtedly, could have held them to a closer score.

Only two errors were made during the entire game. One of these was when Catcher Stevens and First Baseman Shields close to argue over the right to catch an errant ball, which either could have handled, and the other was when Dyer threw the ball away trying to catch Cochran at first.

Schweitzer was, by far and wide, the Savage hero of the afternoon. Out of four times up he got two doubles and a single and the side leading be cut off a run at the plate with a beautiful peg from far left field.

Hanson's one handed catch for the first put out of the afternoon was nothing but brilliancy plus luck. In the same inning he got another after having run around a circle a la Cyrene Forsythe.

But don't think that the above is meant to compare Hanson with Forsythe. So far the big boy whose ancestors came from Sweden has cavorted as a sane individual on all occasions and his conduct has always indicated reliability.

Buck Sterzer does not like a heartless individual, but he must be that, as well as a greedy one. Not satisfied with pitching a grand ball game, he would have secured a favorable comment in midseason, or with defeating Topeka's best pitcher, he had to get two doubles and a single out of four times at bat. And this is some batting for a pitcher.

One of the spectators at Wednesday's game came all the way from Atlanta, Ga. to see it. His name is Milton Reed, and he has a boy on the Denver team, which was the primary attraction that brought him here. However, young Reed was laid up by an injury last week, and was not in the lineup.

Read was in Topeka several weeks ago when he was with the Denver team. He open here announced that he would be back to the game, even if he had to come all the way from Georgia. And sure enough he did. He is in the same line of business as Topeka's premier fan, Geo. Godfrey Moore.

NEXT ICHABOD COACH.

Starting out with baseball, and ending with football comment seems in keeping with the weather. Therefore, it may not be out of place to relate a little interesting bearing on the Washburn coaching situation.

Asked who he thought would be the next Washburn coach, a prominent physician of the city who is a ardent enthusiast said: "Well, I can't exactly say, but I think the best man for the job would be a gentleman who will guarantee that there will be neither cussing nor expectation on the field."

BASEBALL TODAY.

Western League.

Denver at Topeka, clear.
St. Joe at Wichita, clear.
Lincoln at Omaha, clear.
Des Moines at Sioux City, clear.

National League.

St. Louis at Chicago, cloudy, 3 p. m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, cloudy, 3 p. m.
New York at Boston, cloudy.
Brooklyn at Philadelphia, rain.

American League.

Chicago at Cleveland, cloudy, 3 p. m.
Philadelphia at Washington, clear.
Boston at New York, cloudy.

American Association.

Kansas City at Louisville, cloudy, 3 p. m.
St. Paul at Columbus, cloudy, 3 p. m.
Milwaukee at Indianapolis, cloudy, 3 p. m.
Minneapolis at Toledo, clear, 3 p. m.

SQUIRE HUGGINS IS SOLD.

Savages Dispose of Promising Young Topeka Pitcher to Fort Dodge.

Squire Huggins, the young Topeka twirler who belonged to the Savages last season and this spring and who was recently sent to the Fort Dodge club of the Central association on option has been sold to the Fort Dodge twirler, a promising looking youngster, Savage said in discussing the sale. "But from the way he showed up this spring it looked as though he would need one or two more years in slower company before being ready for the Western league, and we did not feel justified in holding on to him for such a period."

College Baseball Results.

Tarkio, Mo.—States Normal of Kirksville, 20; Tarkio college, 12.
At Lindsborg, Kan.—Baker university, Baldwin, 1; Bethany college, 2.
At Lexington, Mo.—Chinese university, Honolulu, 5; Wentworth Military academy, 4.
At Baltimore—Johns Hopkins, 3; Holy Cross, 2.
At Ann Arbor, Mich.—University of Michigan, 7; Kalamazoo college, 2.

Toledo Gets Carl Adams.

Chicago, Ill., April 27.—Roger Bresnahan, manager of the Toledo club in the American association, has purchased from the Philadelphia National league club, Pitcher Carl Adams. Adams was with Bresnahan at Chicago in 1915. He will report at once.

The State Journal has installed a special baseball telephone, No. 284. So please call that number when you want the score.

TELEPHONE 284

MISS HOAR WINS

Topeka Girl Gets Season Baseball
Ticket Offered by State Journal.

Miss Marguerite Hoar, 306 Tyler street, won the season pass offered by the State Journal for the nearest guess to the paid attendance at the opening ball game. The official figures were 2,922. Miss Hoar guessed 2,989 or within three of the correct number. Hers was the 284th guess to come in. Mrs. E. R. Shook, 510 West Eighth street, also guessed 2,989, but hers was the 125th to reach the office.

A lot of people guessed within 25 or less of the correct number but the great majority naturally guessed around 4,000 or more and, with good weather, the attendance would undoubtedly have been much higher. Miss Hoar, apparently figured on a bad day and was fortunate in that respect. She is a clerk at the Topeka Edison company and it is now up to her boss to let her off on afternoons when the ball team is at home.

Here are a few people who came close: F. O. Gill, 533 German avenue, 1,980; Frank Kamirowsky, 316 Lime street, 2,993; Hugh Zinn, R. F. D. 3, Topeka, 2,989; Roy Carns, 321 Adams street, 2,983; June Henderson, 100 Roosevelt street, 2,988; John McGrath, 408 East Eighth street, Topeka, 2,971; Lillian E. Fraser, 321 Harrison, Topeka, 2,987.

Thousands of guesses were received. A great many came from the towns close around Topeka and some came even from outside states. The interest in the attendance at the opening game was very large.

TODAY'S
AMUSEMENTS

LEAGUE PARK—Denver vs. Savages.

IRIS—"The Unpardonable Sin" and Paramount Pictures.

ORPHEUM—Dorothy Gish and Owen Moore in "Little Men's Romance." Triangle-Keystone comedy "A Dash of Courage" and vaudeville.

GEM—Grace de Carleton and Edwin Stanley in "A Man's Sin." **COZY**—Kathlyn Williams in the seven-part production "The Rosary."

BEST—Willard Mack in "The Conqueror;" Mack Swain and other Keystone players in "The Movie Star" and "The Red Circle."

CRYSTAL—Ben Wilson in "His World of Darkness;" Myrtle Gonzalez in "Lonesomeness" and Gale Henry in "His Highness the Janitor."

PRINCESS—Motion Pictures.

AURORA—Motion Pictures.

HIP—"A King for a Night."

APEX—Motion Pictures.

NOVELTY—"The Crown Prince's Double."

GRAND—Dark.

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7:45 p. m.	8:25 p. m.
7:45 p. m.	8:25 p. m.
8:50 p. m.	9:30 p. m.

NO STOPS

Lv. Kan. City	Ar. Topeka
7:55 a. m.	8:35 a. m.
8:55 a. m.	9:35 a. m.
11:50 a. m.	12:30 p. m.
6:30 p. m.	7:10 p. m.
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